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VESPER SERVICE

MR. S. A. ACKLEY SPEAKS ON "SERVICE"

Vocal Selections by Mrs. Mahone and Prof. Crawford — Glee Club and Quartet Sing — Prof. Clark Introduces Speaker

The January Vesper Service was held in the College Chapel on Sunday, Jan. 14th. It is the aim of the Y. M. C. A. to make these services musical as well as have some prominent speaker make a short address. The musical part of the program for this meeting was the best that we have been favored with this session. The College Glee Club and Quartet rendered several members. We were especially favored with a solo by Mrs. Mahone entitled, "Day is Ended." Another feature of the musical program was a duet, "Lead Kindly Light," which was very artistically rendered by Mrs. Mahone and Prof. Crawford.

The speaker of the afternoon, Mr. S. A. Ackley, State Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., was introduced by Prof. Clark. Owing to the lack of time the speaker was not able to talk along the lines he had desired, but nevertheless he delivered an address which was very fitting. His subject was "Service." He pointed out the three relationships of life, namely, the Spiritual, the Aesthetic, and the Relationship of Service. The main object of the speaker was to convince his audience that the life of service to your fellow man is the only life worth while. As he said, "You cannot serve God unless you serve man. Every college should have those things which prepare the young man for life's possibilities by developing his talents to such a degree of efficiency that he may best serve God. No man ever came into greatness until he had realized that all that God gave was for mankind." He closed by comparing the consequences of a neglected life with the consequences of the life of service.

Every student should avail himself of the opportunity of attending these Vesper Services. If he would we are sure they would prove entertaining as well as profitable to him. The speaker is always a man of prominence, and the opportunity of coming into contact with strong personalities is something not neglected by people who think.

QUINT ON TRIP

FIRST GAME, INDIANS VS. TIGERS

Indians Clash with V. M. I. and V. P. I. While Away — Squad in Good Condition — New Gym. at Hampden-Sidney Dedicated

The Indian basketball team left Tuesday morning for a five-game trip through the central and western parts of the state. Hampden-Sidney will be played in the Tiger's new gymnasium as a starter. Virginia Christian College, Roanoke College, Virginia Polytechnical Institute and Virginia Military Institute will then be taken on in the order mentioned. The Indians will probably line up as follows: Maddox and Murray, forwards; Robertson, Capt., center, and Copeland and Crigler, guards, with Geddy and Stephens as substitutes.

Since the holidays the team has been practicing regularly and their play has been characterized with speed and accuracy both in passing and shooting baskets. The competition for the positions has been keen, and the regulars have been forced to play hard at all times. They have been coached by Hubbard on several new plays, with which they have developed team work of considerable strength. Although the Indians will face five strong quints in as many days, it's a safe prediction that they will land two victories, if not a majority of the games played.

The contest with the Tigers is the opening game of the season in the Eastern Virginia Intercollegiate Association. It has still another attraction by being the first game in the new gymnasium at Hampden-Sidney. In view of these facts, one of the hardest battles ever fought between these teams may be expected. A victory means a decided advantage in the championship race.

Whereas, in His infinite love and wisdom it has pleased Almighty God to call from this earth the mother of our friend and fellow student, Joseph Stanley, in Chapel assembled we do hereby express our tenderest heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family. And be it further resolved:

First: That these resolutions be read in Chapel assembled.

Second: That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family, and published in The Flat Hat.

I. W. Robertson,
P. N. Derring,
F. T. Joyner,
Committee.

FIRST PRELIMINARY

THIRTEEN DEBATERS TRY FOR TEAM

Material of High Caliber — Contest Spirited and Strong Points Made — Second Preliminary to be Held January 18th

In Chapel on Monday night, January 8th, was held the first preliminary contest for selecting men to represent the College in the triangular debate to be held with Randolph-Macon and Richmond College March 2nd. Thirteen students went up in this contest and so well did they acquit themselves that it was only after a conference of more than twenty minutes that the judges were able to select eight men.

The following students will be the contestants in the second preliminary to be held in the Chapel at 7 o'clock Thursday night, January 18th: Ferguson, Moorman, Eason, Kyle, Simms, Acey, Johnson, Brayshaw. From this list four men will be selected to represent the College March 2nd. We predict that this second contest will be the most hotly contested preliminary which has been held in the College for many years. These men represent the College just as do members of athletic teams, so why not encourage them by your presence in Chapel Thursday night?

MID-YEAR "EXAMS."

The mid-year examinations will begin Tuesday, January 23rd. It is a time when the boys have to ask the "movies" and "calico" to excuse them for a week. "Exams" will probably last eight days (from some student's point of view) and nights. A schedule for the examinations may be seen on the bulletin board in the corridor of the main College Building.

AWARD MONOGRAMS

FOOTBALL MEN SHOWN RECOGNITION

Prospects for 1917, Exceptional — Hubbard Likely to be Retained — Copeland Elected Captain

The awarding of monograms to members of the football team was the special feature of the Chapel exercises held at William and Mary last week. The "W-M" insignias were handed to those men who for the first time played the required number of quarters. Members of previous teams received stars. This was performed by Professor Keble, the Faculty representative on the Athletic Council, who lauded the team for their qualities of true sportsmanship. Those who received monograms include: Close, Ellis, Burford, Garber, Fentress, Reid, Edwards, Somers and retiring Manager Heflin. Stars were given to Copeland, Robinson, Maddox, Goslee and Captain Wilson. The team was late rounding into form, but before the season closed the Indians had developed into a rather formidable combination, their teamwork being particularly good. Wilson, Copeland and Ellis were chosen to places on the All-Eastern Virginia eleven, while Close distinguished himself as a punter, being selected by Park Davis of the New York Herald, the second best "booster" in the United States.

Since all of the members of this team have signified their intention to return to college next fall, the prospects for 1917 are exceptional. The squad will also be greatly strengthened by the addition of Weikert, of the William and Mary Academy. He is one of the best prep men in the State, having received considerable experience with militia teams before deciding to go back to school. Wallace, who is now on the border, expects to get back to College next fall to fill his former position at tackle.

It is hardly probable that any change will be made in the coaching system. Coach Hubbard is available as head coach, and the services of a number of alumni may be counted upon for assistance. The alumni system has worked advantageously this fall under many handicaps, and

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EXAMINATIONS.

At all institutions of learning, coming once, twice or three times a year is a time devoted to examinations. There have been contentions of weight advanced against such practice, but of not sufficient gravity to cause any serious alteration. There are those who believe that the time utilized in determining what students know could be spent to better advantage in acquiring more knowledge. Some argue that examinations are not true tests of what the student actually knows, and condemn them on the grounds of unfairness.

We do not believe that time can be economized by the elimination of examinations. They are essential from this aspect to both student and professor. Time cannot be saved by plunging into advanced study until sufficient preparation has been acquired, hence the veto power of the professor. And, how can the professor determine the ability of the students to pursue higher work until they have answered those questions which are directed to reveal the student capacity? Moreover, the examination papers will determine largely the character of the professor's work in sequent courses. With this information, he will not be in danger of wasting time on what is obvious to the class, or by going too deep into the subject.

The fairness of examinations may be questioned, but there is greater fairness to examinations than to the substitute offered. Examinations are unfair, if such is the case, because they happen to ask what one student knows and another does not. Certainly, there is greater fairness in the method which derives its re-

sults from giving the students an equal opportunity to answer the same questions, than in the method which gives each pupil a different question—grading by class recitations.

Examinations are also helpful in developing the capacity of the student to work under pressure, and the review caused by the approaching examination constitutes an organization of the material, which has inestimable value.

JOINT SOCIETY MEETING

At a joint meeting of the Literary Societies last Saturday night, one week ago, the question which is to be debated in the Intercollegiate Triangular Contest this year was discussed. A discussion of thirty minutes was devoted to this question and several men talked their allotted three minutes on this subject.

A second important matter agitated and finally passed upon was whether or not the men who represent us in the triangular debates and state oratorical contest, should have a medal. This was finally decided by a large majority in its favor.

At the last session of the societies the election of officers for the second term was held:

Philomathean election: President, F. T. Joyner; Vice-president, S. W. Eason; Secretary, G. M. Nicholson; Treasurer, N. J. Webb; Lit. Critic, B. H. Seekford; Par. Critic, I. W. Robertson; Chaplin, J. T. Underwood; S.-at-arms, I. D. Akers; Ex. Com., C. S. Mocrman, W. W. Johnson.

Phoenix election: President, Z. T. Kyle; Vice president, O. W. French; Secretary, E. V. Stowitz; Treasurer, A. P. Robinson; Chaplain, Waldrop; S'g't-at-arms, "Joe" Garber; Ex. Com., A. Acey, Chairman, W. C. F. Ferguson, L. E. Warren.

CANNON SCRAP SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY NINETEENTH

At a meeting of the Sophomores in Chapel January 12th the class decided to place the old Spottswood cannon on Cary Athletic Field January 19th and challenge the Freshman class to remove the aforementioned cannon from the aforesaid field. Last year in this contest between the Freshmen and Sophomores which was staged during the first week after the opening of College proved to be such an animated affair that the classes chose to number it among the permanent features at William and Mary. Accordingly they decided to postpone this event until some "big" day later in the session and set aside Lee's birthday for that purpose.

The Sophomores are anticipating a hard fight but they fully expect to retain the banner which they so valiantly won on that field last year. The rules regulating the scrap will be posted on the bulletin board.



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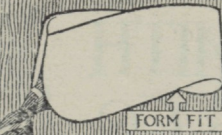
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NEWPORT NEWS HIGH SCHOOL DEFEATS THE ACADEMY QUINT

Newport News High School basketball team defeated the Academy, Friday, Jan. 12, by a score of 31 to 19.

The Newport News quint had an easy time in the first half allowing the Academy to score only two points to their eleven. The Little Indians came back, however, in the second half and with fine passing and good goal shooting ran the total up to 19 points. In the latter stages of the game the score stood 29 to 6. Then the Academy with great speed allowed the visitors to make only two more points, while running up their side of the score.

The work of E. D. Hudson and Capt. Amory was commended by all, Hudson pitching the most goals. Decker played well until Coach Ferguson called the youngster to the sidelines lest he should receive an injury. The next game will be played on the home floor January 19 with Driver High school as opponents.

The Line-up:

W. & M. A.	Po.	N. N. H. S.
Hudson, E. D.	l f	Hoffman
Decker	r f	Smith
Amory	c	Jenkins
Weikert	l g	Davis
Wornam	r g	Seigle

Substitutions: N. N. H. S.---Christy for Jenkins, Jenkins for Smith; W. & M. A.---Henley for Decker, Green for Wornam, Pulley for Henley. Goals: N. N. H. S.---Hoffman 2, Jenkins 6, Christy 3, Davis 4; fouls, Jenkins 1. W. M. A.---Hudson 5, Amory 3, Weikert 3; fouls 1. Referee, Robertson W. & M.

STUDENT CO-OPERATIVE SCHOLARSHIP FINDS FORMULATION IN A PRACTICAL PLAN

For some time a committee has been working upon a plan of the student scholarship movement. They have at last arrived upon a plan through which they believe it will work. The plan, as presented and explained by Robertson in Chapel Monday morning, is for the students to pay into the treasury of the fund ten cents per month. This money will be lent to some deserving and worthy graduate of a High School or Academy of Virginia. The student will use the money for two years, provided he is an energetic student, and then pay the sum back to the treasurer. Three per cent interest will be charged from the date of his leaving college, and he must repay this money within five years. Within ten years nineteen boys will have been aided.

When we think of this we are compelled to think that it is one of the best movements started at William and Mary for several years. The student who receives this scholarship must have a high past scholastic standing, a good moral character and have won some distinction in school activities. This means that this movement will bring men here who are real students in every sense of the word.

The ratification of the plan will be voted upon in a few days by the student body. Its adoption seems assured.

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Car Dashed into York River—Cook, Collins, Hatch and the Chauffeur Rescued—Car-negie Medals in Sight

While on their way to their respective homes a few days before the Christmas holidays, Messrs. Acey, Major, Hatch, Collins and G. B. Cook, College Students, and Mr. Digger, a chauffeur from Matthews County, encountered an accident of considerable seriousness when the car skidded off the ferry dock at Yorktown into fifteen feet of York river water. The rear axle of the car having been broken before reaching this place, it refused to yield to the appliance of the brakes and before any of the occupants realized the situation, they were in the river with all the curtains fastened tight to the sides of the car. The curtains, however, were promptly torn off and through the quick actions of Acey and Major, the only members of the party who could swim, the rest were saved. Collins and Hatch were pulled near enough to the banks to wade the rest of the distance while Cook and Digger, after going down the second time were rescued by the two above named heroes.

We think that Mr. Andrew Carnegie would do well to confer one of his medals on each of these gentlemen. They are worthy, at least, of his consideration for such a heroic deed.

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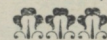
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Y. M. C. A. NEWS

At a meeting of the Y. M. C. A. Cabinet on last Tuesday night the officers of the association for next term were nominated. The Association Club Room was also discussed at length, and a standing committee with Paul N. Derring chairman was appointed to make plans for the further equipment of the room. It was urged that this committee begin its arrangements at once so as to be able to make a report to the students soon after the examinations are over.

On Wednesday evening Dr. Gieger addressed the Association on "The Moral Significance of Criticism." As he always does, Dr. Geiger struck at the rock bottom of his problem, and in this case he showed conclusively that unjust criticism is criminal. An added attraction was given to the meeting by the presence of Mr. Henry J. Langston, the Student secretary of the Y. M. C. A. in Virginia.

After the regular devotional meeting the president turned the chair over to Prof. Clark who conducted the election of officers. The balloting proved to be very exciting, for three separate ballots had to be taken before a president could be elected. At length A. L. Maddox received the majority for this office. For the other offices the following men were elected: A. E. Acey, Vice-president; G. B. Cook, Secretary; and J. F. Wilson, Treasurer.

Again on Thursday night the newly elected officers met with the old Cabinet and Mr. Langston to appoint the various committees and outline the program of work for the next term. On consultation with the others present Mr. Maddox appointed the following chairmen of committees: G. M. Nicholson, membership; E. L. Vernet, Bible Study; A. R. Musick, Mission Study; A. E. Acey, Social Service; G. B. Cook, Program; W. H. Pride, Music; and Brookes Williams, Social and Entertainment.

AWARD MONOGRAMS

no plausible reason for a change has been offered. The athletic authorities will definitely decide this matter later.

Thursday morning the members of the 1916 football team met and chose for their leader for 1917 R. Watson Copeland, of Hampton, Va. "Copie," as he is known at College, has been a member of the Indian's eleven for three years and has always been a consistent performer. If good leadership and good material count Coach Hubbard can look forward to the next season without much anxiety. Some time back Frank Garnet was elected manager, and he reports final arrangements with V. M. I. for a game, and is contemplating playing Gallaudet College in Norfolk, if a date can be found suitable to both parties.

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